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Title: Need to take immediate measures for release of Indian fishermen languishing in the jails of Sri Lanka.

SHRI O.S. MANIAN (MAYILADUTHURAI): **I would like to raise an important issue regarding the plight of 117 innocent fishermen who are languishing in Nagapattinam, Karaikal of Puducherry who continue to languish in Sri Lankan jails for the past three months. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu wrote several letters to the hon'ble Prime Minister of India for immediate action to release those innocent fishermen. In the absence of any action by the Government of India to secure their safe release by a diplomatic dialogue with the Sri Lankan Government, these poor fishermen from Tamil Nadu and Puducherry still remain in judicial custody. Due to the absence of those fishermen their poor families are facing huge problems. I earnestly appeal to the Central Government to take immediate action for early release of those fishermen from the Judicial custody in Sri Lanka.**